samples have been found unsuitable for drinking purposes either due to nitrate, fluoride, trace metals, total dissolved solids or due to combined effects of some or all of these contaminants.

(b) The areas where ground water quality was found contaminated include Kanjhawala block, Najafgarh block, City block, Alipur block, Mehrauli block and Shahdara block.

(c) Provision for providing safe drinking water is planned, financed and implemented by the State Governments. The Central Ground Water Board provides technical service to the State Governments in this endeavour. Further the Department of Drinking Water Supply in the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Urban Development extend financial and technical support to the State Governments in their efforts to supply safe drinking water in such areas.

Killing of Migratory Birds in Udhuwa Bird Sanctuary

4299. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rampant killing of Siberian cranes and other migratory birds is happening in the Udhuwa Bird Sanctuary;

(b) if so, what preventive measures are being taken by Government to stop such activities; and

(c) what are the reasons that the law enforcement agencies are unable to take any action against the culprits who are openly selling the birds' meat in the vicinity of the bird sanctuary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing pollution in Sabarmati river

4300. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing pollution in Sabarmati River in Gujarat;

(b) the steps taken to stop pollution and to clean the river; and